

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-6 and 8-10 are pending. Claims 2 and 7 are being cancelled herein. Claims 1, 6 and 9 have been amended herein. Reconsideration is requested.

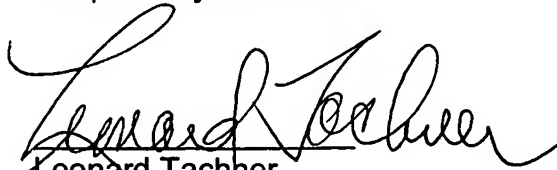
Prior Art Rejections

Tubiolo (1,843,527) is relied on under 35 USC 102(b) and 35 USC 103(a) to reject the pending claims. Tubiolo discloses a series of non-contiguous inflated sections (see column 1, lines 22-27) in a swimming jacket. These sections are configured to avoid deflation of all sections when one is ruptured. Applicant on the other hand, discloses and claims a wetsuit or wetsuit fabric which has a plurality of contiguous regions expandable with air to form an aesthetic pattern having a plurality of adjacent cells. Thus, Tubiolo's distinct inflatable sections teach away from Applicant's inflatable contiguous regions. Thus, there can be no anticipation and no obviousness based upon the Tubiolo reference. Moreover, Tubiolo does not teach or suggest a wetsuit design having a pattern of closed cells formed from such contiguous regions or air channels.

AMENDMENT Continued
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Based upon the foregoing, the rejections of the pending claims should be withdrawn and claims 1, 3-6 and 8-10 should be allowed and such is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

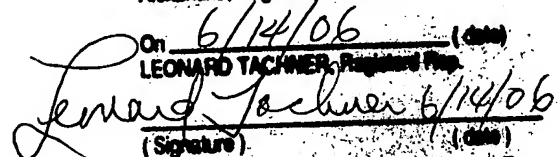


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